

## Sim Shalom

שִׁים שְׁלוֹם בְּעוֹלָם טוֹבָה וּבְרָכָה, חֵן וְחֶסֶד וְרַחֲמִים, עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמָּךְ.  
בְּרַכְנוּ, אָבֵינוּ, כְּלָנוּ כְּאֶחָד בְּאוֹר פְּנִיךָ, כִּי בְּאוֹר פְּנִיךָ נִתַּת לָנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, תּוֹרַת  
חַיִּים וְאַהֲבַת חֶסֶד, וּצְדָקָה וּבְרָכָה וְרַחֲמִים וְחַיִּים וְשְׁלוֹם, וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֶךְ  
אֶת עַמָּךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכֹל עֵת וּבְכֹל שָׁעָה בְּשִׁלּוֹמָךְ.

Sim sha-lom ba-o-lam, tov-a u-v'ra-kha, khein va-khe-sed v'ra-kha-mim a-lei-nu v'al kol  
yis-ra-el a-me-kha. Bar-khei-nu a-vi-nu ku-la-nu k'e-khad b'or pa-ne-kha, ki v'or pa-ne-kha  
na-ta-ta la-nu, a-do-nai e-lo-hei-nu, to-rat kha-yim v'a-ha-vat khe-sed, utz-da-ka u-v'ra-kha  
v'ra-kha-mim v'kha-yim v'sha-lom, v'tov b'ei-ne-kha l'va-reikh et am-kha yis-ra-el b'khol-  
eit u-v'khol sha-a bish-lo-me-kha.

Make peace in the world—goodness, blessing, graciousness, kindness, and compassion on us and on all of Your people Israel. Bless us, our Parent, all of us as one, with the light of Your mien, for with the light of Your mien You gave us, Adonai, our God, the Torah of life and a love of kindness, righteousness, blessing, compassion, life, and peace. And may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel, at all times and in every hour with Your peace.

## D'rash

**Make peace in the world—goodness, blessing, graciousness, kindness, and compassion on us and on all of Your people Israel—May You continue creating a world for us to complete and heal through our struggles to know righteousness and to lessen pain and degradation, always sensitive to the dangers of both order and disorder, always valuing both the individual and the community. Bless us, our Parent, all of us as one, with the light of Your mien, for with the light of Your mien You gave us, Adonai our God, the Torah of life and a love of kindness, righteousness, blessing, compassion, life, and peace—We accept that Your blessings are given to us as a people; that it is not our family, congregation, or community You favor, but klal Yisrael; thus we acknowledge our need for Your light, to illuminate the path of respect, lovingkindness, and unity between ourselves and other Jews, regardless of past disagreements or strife. And may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel, at all times and in every hour with Your peace—May our commitments and our actions that unify us as a people open the heavens to a shower of blessings, especially shalom, because together we will have acknowledged our common heritage and future as a holy nation.**

## Iyun Tefilla

### REFLECTION

We do not see  
Your face,  
But in its light  
We come to see  
Ourselves  
For what  
We dare to be—  
A mirror.  
In that light  
We are all shining

And able  
As new moons  
To rise and struggle  
With the night  
And fling  
Reflected glory  
Deep into the dark.  
In that light  
We come to see  
Ourselves  
As one.  
In that light  
We can see forever.

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